

What happens to all the stuff? (click on a link to find out)

Please note not all items can be taken by all sessions, check individual session information. Although every effort will be made to keep this information up to date, sometimes changes happen at short notice.



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St Michael's Colehill – Sudan Link (takes old greetings cards)

Card making project, church members make new cards from old, providing a social activity, new cards are then sold and proceeds donated to Sudan Link.

Dorset Scrapstore (takes corks and unwanted craft supplies)

Dorset Scrapstore is a not-for-profit charity. The store is a place where you can find all kinds of resources that can be re-purposed in arts, crafts and play. They collect the majority of materials from local donor businesses and manufacturers, saving their excess or unwanted items from landfill, and making them affordable and available for everyone!

Terracycle (see below for current Terracycle programmes)

So what happens, items get weighed and logged (this is how charities get paid for items), items are then sorted and most get shredded and sorted in a sink float – using water to separate heavier and lighter items, magnetic separation is used to remove any metallic elements (like the nibs on ballpoint pens). This then gets dried and plastics get processed into reusable forms, such as flakes, pellets or powder. And then? It gets sold to manufacturing companies to be made into a range of products. You can get a general idea of the process from this [video](#) on their website.

Who benefits? The majority of the Terracycle funds come to Win on Waste to help fund the cost of running sessions.

Current Terracycle programmes (these can change frequently): Aqua Optima Water Filters, Babybel-specific Cheese Packaging, Biscuit Wrappers, Burt's Bees (Beauty/make up), Ferrero Packaging, Lily's Kitchen – Pet food (Dry) wrappers, Marigold Gloves (this brand only), Tippex bottles, Pringles tubes (metal bottoms only!), Taylor's of Harrogate Coffee wrappers (any brand + large tea wrappers), Warburtons Bread bags (plus any brand), Warburtons Wax Wrap, Hasbro Toys and Games (Limited Access)

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Local Scrapyard (takes old keys, padlocks wires and cables)

All the wires and cables get taken to a local scrapyard and sold. The scrapyard acts as a middleman and the wires and cables will eventually be processed to recover the valuable copper inside them which is then recycled into new electrical products.

Recycling valuable metals means not having to do more and more mining for ore. It is more energy efficient than smelting ore and helps save habitats. Other items such as keys and padlocks get sold for scrap metal.

Can-Do BCP (takes aluminium drinks cans)

A new organisation that collects cans and sell them on to a Scrap Metal merchants, the more collected the better the sale price achieved more money they make!

The proceeds of the funds go to support Christchurch food bank, Wimborne Community Garden and other local charities.

Against Breast Cancer (takes bras)

Those bras that can be, are used to support small businesses in developing countries in Africa and around the world where bras remain expensive to produce locally. They are provided to women to sell on and create a living for themselves. Those that aren't suitable for that purpose are responsibly dismantled and disposed of.

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Circular 11 (takes plastic bottle tops and CD cases)

They shred this material down and create a chemical profile of it so that the data can be fed into our machine learning algorithms. These work out the optimal formulation for each waste stream. After this, the material goes through in-house strength testing to guarantee product quality

Finally, they use a process called extrusion to create plastic lumber, which they then make into finished products. They use their own digital operating system to track what plastic streams end up in each individual product, along with the carbon used and diverted in its production.

Recycling for Good Causes (takes Mobile phones, jewellery, old bank notes and coins, watches, sat navs, games consoles)

All items received are individually assessed and recycled to get the highest price possible for charities or causes. They work with a network of commercial partners for various items that get sent in to be recycled. These can range from individual collectors right the way through to auction houses. Items are converted based on the best price possible, so items are sold in the following different stages – re-saleable as they are, repaired ready for resale or sale of parts

Who benefits? Some of the money for the items recycled goes to Transform Trade (fairtrade charity) and some to Win on Waste

Recycle4Charity (takes empty printer ink cartridges)

Once received the cartridges, are checked and then either, remanufactured: emptied and/or cleaned, refilled with ink, sealed and packed or recycled: broken down into raw materials. Funds come back to Win on Waste.

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Purple Community Fund (takes drink can ring pulls)

Purple Community Fund send ringpulls to Philippines and they are made into fashion/homeware products and sold to fund educational programmes among local families

Stamps

Bulk bought by a collector, then returned to us after sorting, then directed to various charities who sell in bulk to stamp dealers or craft suppliers to sell on.

Yeo Valley Tops

Codes redeemed by Win on Waste volunteer, then the tops are added to soft plastic collections.

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